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**WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES**  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** January 16, 2014  
**Location:** DES Building, Rm. 2331  
Olympia, Washington

**Legislative Committee Members Present:** John Chelminiak, Chair; Mark Kulaas, Vice Chair; Dave DeWitte; Ray Allshouse; Rod Bault

**Legislative Committee Members Absent:** Sandra Romero

**Visitors Present:** Amy Brackenbury

**Staff Present:** Tim Nogler, Krista Braaksma

**CALL TO ORDER**

John Chelminiak, Legislative Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Everyone was welcomed.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.

**LEGISLATION UPDATE**

**Bills of Interest / Legislative Hearings**

Tim Nogler suggested establishing a default position of "Monitor" for all bills rather than discussing all of the bills of interest and establishing a position for each individually. If there is a bill someone feels should be addressed it can be discussed.

### **HB 2249 - Energy code climate zones**

Mark Kulaas voiced concerns regarding the bill on moving counties within climate zones. He felt the language and intent were confusing. John Chelminiak wondered if legislation was really needed on the subject. Tim noted he would try to talk with Representative Buys regarding the concerns with this bill.

### **HB 2213 / SB 6019 – Electrical code**

Ray Allshouse noted this bill was coming from WABO and was primarily concerned with 1) L&I's reluctance to enforce energy code provisions, and 2) the differences between cities' electrical code programs and L&I's program and how they are adopted. The bill established a task force, including the Council Chair, Managing Director, and the Director of DES.

### **HB 2168 – Tiny houses**

Mark Kulaas also voiced concerns regarding this bill. Local jurisdictions often use a minimum width requirement in residential districts to require at least a double-wide manufactured housing unit.

John Chelminiak asked if there was any fire life safety problem tied to size. Ray replied there might be practicality issues, but as long as the door met egress requirements it would be fine.

Tim noted this bill had a hearing scheduled on Tuesday, January 21, and he would attend to be available to answer any questions the House Local Government Committee may have.

Ray noted that calling out specific sections in code is always problematic since they change frequently. Krista noted these numbers would change in the 2015 edition of the IRC.

### **Motion:**

Ray Allshouse moved to place all bills on "Monitor" status, except to note concerns on HB 2168 and 2249 and share those concerns with legislative members and staff. Dave DeWitte seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Krista asked if the 1 pm meeting time worked for everyone in the future or if it should be reconsidered. Everyone felt 1 pm worked fine.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.